

2 Israeli soldiers kidnapped

BEIRUT (R) — Armed men kidnapped two Israeli soldiers deep behind Israeli lines south of Beirut Tuesday, Lebanese security sources said. The sources said the incident happened Tuesday afternoon near the coastal town of Tyre about 20 kilometres from Beirut. An Israeli military spokesman at the hill village of Yarze outside Beirut said the Israeli military authorities were checking the report. The right-wing Voice of Lebanon radio said the two Israeli soldiers were driving a tanker when they were seized. The Israeli army blocked off the road and combed the area, it said.

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Bomb injures 2 Israeli soldiers in Lebanon

TEL AVIV (R) — Two Israeli soldiers were wounded Wednesday south of Beirut when a bomb exploded beside a road on which they were travelling, a military spokesman said. He added that another explosive device was found by the road and dismantled by army explosives experts.

Syrian sentenced to 25 years in Israeli prison

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli military court Wednesday sentenced an 18-year-old Syrian youth to 25 years in prison for opening fire last summer on Israeli's southern port city of Eilat, army radio reported. The youth, who was not identified, crossed into Israel from Aqaba, Jordan, last June 28 and fired at passers-by and vehicles in Eilat but later surrendered to Israeli troops. He was also armed with hand grenades, rockets, mines and other explosives, the radio said.

Accused Cairo Muslims referred to medical examiner

CAIRO (R) — A state security court trying 280 Muslim fundamentalists accused of trying to overthrow the Egyptian government Wednesday referred 260 of them to medical examiners to investigate their torture claims. The decision was taken at lawyers' requests. But the court refused the defence a three-month adjournment to study the case and ordered hearings to resume on Feb. 19. It also turned down lawyers' petitions requesting the defendants' release on the grounds that their arrests and interrogations were carried out illegally. Defendants in the month-old trial, which involves members of the outlawed militant organisation Al Jihad (holy struggle), have claimed during previous sessions that confessions were extracted from them under torture by security police.

Soviet spy satellite drops out of orbit

WASHINGTON (R) — A Soviet nuclear-powered spy satellite has dropped out of orbit and appears likely to crash somewhere on earth in the next few weeks, intelligence sources said Wednesday. The sources said it was too early to predict where the Cosmos 1402 satellite and its 45 kilogramme nuclear power pack might land since it could skip several times on the atmosphere before finally coming down. A similar Soviet cosmonaut radar ocean surveillance satellite crashed in Canada's northwest territories five years ago, scattering radioactive debris. The sources said rockets should have boosted the Cosmos 1402 into outer space when its power began to fail, but something went wrong and it began to drop out of orbit. The sources said the satellite was of a type used to spot surface ships at sea. The Pentagon had no comment on the incident.

51 bodies recovered from collapsed building in Turkey

ANKARA (R) — Fifty-one bodies have now been recovered from the wreckage of a seven-storey building in the southeastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir, which collapsed on Monday, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency reported Wednesday. It said the search for victims was continuing, hampered by temperatures plunging to almost minus 40 degrees Centigrade. The official death toll had stood at 30 Tuesday. At least 35 people were injured, according to radio reports. The apartment block collapsed early on Monday morning when most of the 28 families known to live there were asleep. Local officials said most of the victims were women and children. They said the recently-built building had been condemned as unsafe for occupation and ordered to be knocked down, but the order had never been carried out. Its owner had been detained, the officials said.

Gunbattles continue in northern Lebanon

Death toll reaches 50 in Tripoli

BEIRUT (R) — Gunbattles between pro and anti-Syrian armed groups paralysed the sprawling northern Lebanese port of Tripoli for the sixth consecutive day Wednesday, state Lebanese Radio and television reported.

The reports said at least one person was killed Wednesday, bringing the death toll for the renewed fighting since it erupted last Friday to about 50.

Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city, has been controlled by Syrian troops since the end of the Lebanese civil war in 1976 and efforts to stop the fighting have focused on the Syrian government as much as the Lebanese authorities.

Tripoli's leading politician, former Prime Minister Rashid Karami, saw Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus Tuesday. He told reporters there Wednesday morning he was returning home with a team of Syrian army officers charged with

trying to control the violence.

Syria has said it was prepared to withdraw its forces from Lebanon if Israeli forces which invaded the country last June also left. Syria is apparently concerned by the fighting in Tripoli as it justified its military intervention in Lebanon in 1976 by saying it came to restore peace and security.

Syria sent an unprecedented high-level mission, including its foreign and defence ministers, to Tripoli last month at the height of an earlier round of heavy fighting. But a ceasefire they arranged only temporarily reduced the level of violence.

Beirut newspapers reported Wednesday that intensive talks were held with the rival factions

Tuesday just to stop the shooting long enough to allow Mr. Karami to leave by road for Damascus.

Detailed information on the latest battles in Tripoli has been limited because telephone lines to the city have been cut either by the fighting or by the bad winter weather. Rescue services, which usually gather an overall picture of such battles, have been hampered by the ferocity of the fighting.

But the usually reliable French-language newspaper L'Orient-Le Jour said Wednesday a coalition of anti-Syrian leftist and Muslim groups, all Lebanese, were fighting Syrian troops and members of the pro-Syrian "Arab Democratic Party" militia.

Some of the anti-Syrian groups in Tripoli are thought by Western diplomats to be funded or equipped to some extent by Palestinian commandos, who have a strong presence in refugee camps near the city. But there has been no indication that Palestinians have been directly involved in the

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Lebanon, Israel fail to solve dispute over agenda

TEL AVIV (R) — Two days of behind-the-scenes contacts in Beirut and Israel have failed to solve the dispute between Israel and Lebanon over an agenda for their talks on a withdrawal of Israeli troops, officials said Wednesday.

The Israeli officials were briefing reporters after a 90-minute meeting between Foreign Minis-

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2 Turkish peace association members arrested in Istanbul

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France outlaws Corsica's main guerrilla movement

PARIS (R) — The French government, seeking to halt a wave of separatist violence in Corsica, Wednesday formally outlawed the island's main guerrilla movement and appointed a top Paris policeman to head a security crackdown there.

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The two, actor Ali Taygan and poet Atao Behramoglu, are being held along with former high school headmaster Sefil Asan, another defendant in the Istanbul trial who was detained at the end of December, the sources said.

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Fanfani works on new austerity measures

ROME (R) — Italian Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani, already facing a storm over tax increases from junior coalition partners in his government, was preparing a second round of austerity measures Wednesday.

The 74-year old Christian Democratic premier held talks with Labour Minister Vincenzo Scotti and Treasury Minister Giovanni Goria, government officials said.

Officials said they expected the measures, tipped to include cuts in state health and insurance spending and a one-time-only tax on self-employed earnings, would be launched on schedule despite a deep split in the four-party government after last week's tax decreases.

The case was adjourned until Jan. 12.

Turkey's best-known woman newspaper columnist, Nazi Ilcik of the right-wing daily Tercuman, was released from jail Wednesday after serving two months of a three-month sentence, journalists said.

She was convicted last March of violating a military decree banning public statements on party political affairs but did not begin serving her sentence until October.

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Malhas denies reported call for nation-wide inoculation

AMMAN (J.T.) — Health Minister Zuhair Malhas Wednesday denied rumours that the Jordanian authorities have asked the public to get anti-diphtheria vaccination.

He told a correspondent of Al Rai newspaper that a report by the French news agency, Agence France Presse, about such measures is "completely unfounded."

"The government has not summoned a medical team from the World Health Organisation (WHO) to deal with the situation, but a WHO expert on infectious diseases arrived in Amman Tuesday in the course of a previously-planned coordination programme

between the WHO and the Jordanian government," Dr. Malhas asserted.

So far, the number of suspected diphtheria cases stand at 61, in addition to 15 proven cases of whom three were found to be carriers of the disease, Dr. Malhas said.

Apart from the three death cases announced earlier, he said, there were no others whatsoever, and the situation is being handled

by the ministry's various departments.

The minister reaffirmed that the Health Ministry is pursuing its national vaccination campaign for children against diphtheria and polio and its programmes have been quite successful.

Saturday Dr. Malhas announced in a press conference that a total of 40 people were either infected by diphtheria or under observation, and that investigations revealed that those affected had not previously obtained any anti-diphtheria vaccination. He added that the ministry had no plans for carrying out a nation-wide inoculation campaign against the disease.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Muad Badran, senior officials and former ministers were among mourners who took part in the funeral.

At the end of the funeral, Prince Hassan conveyed his sympathy to Al Sati family.

Documentary on Jordan wins coveted award

AMMAN (J.T.) — A documentary film — "Jordan, Land of Heritage" — narrated by Sir John Niegud, produced by Marilyn Perry T.V. Productions, Inc., New York, was awarded the 1982 Golden Eagle certificate and designated to represent the United States and American cinematography in international film festivals.

The award was given by Marilyn Perry, producer, at the Council of International Nontheatrical Events (CINE) annual awards ceremony, last month, at the International Hotel in Washington, D.C. This year marked CINE's twenty-fifth anniversary.

"Jordan, Land of Heritage" depicts the dynamic growth of the Hashemite Kingdom during the 9 years of His Majesty King Hussein's rule. Sequences were filmed in Petra, Jerash, Wadi Rum, Qaba, Amman and other locations; and provide an in-depth exploration of how Jordan is blending old traditions with new technology for the maximum benefit of its citizens at every level. The film was sponsored by The DUTCO group (Dubai Transport Company), a major construction/trading complex in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.



Mr. Hardwell T. Sweazy, president of the Council of International Nontheatrical Events, congratulates Ms. Marilyn Perry for her award-winning documentary, "Jordan, Land of Heritage," which

has been designated to represent the United States and American Cinematography in international film festivals.

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Tripoli gunbattles continue Lebanon, Israel fail to solve dispute over agenda

In Tripoli, the ADP gathered some of its staunchest support from the large number of local people of Syrian origin whose families came to the city in the early part of this century in search of work. Many of them were members of the same Alawite sect as Syria's rulers.

The rival armed groups are holed up behind barricades of earth and rusting oil drums in the narrow, shabby streets of the older quarter of Tripoli. Passersby and residents must cower in basements, underground garages or whatever other shelter they can find when the militiamen trade heavy machine gun and artillery fire.

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Thursday's talks in Kiryat Shmona are again expected to focus on finding wording acceptable to both sides.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the Israeli ministerial team that is overseeing the negotiations were meeting later Wednesday with their chief negotiator, David Kimche.

Lebanon, anxious not to upset the Arab World, refuses to have the word normalisation on the agenda and is reported to have rejected other terminology for its future relations with Israel.

Despite the agenda deadlock, Mr. Draper told reporters he still had high hopes the negotiations would eventually succeed.

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By John Ngai
Rewriter

CANTON — Heroes are hard to come by, but China has had two dozen new ones last year — among them a crippled grandmother who helped kill a leopard with her bare hands.

Qi Deying, 67, was gathering herbs with her niece and grandchildren on a mountain in north China's Shaanxi province when she was attacked by a two-metre (six-foot) leopard.

She caught the animal by the ears, wrestled it to the ground and then helped kill it with her bare hands.

Bruised and bleeding, but otherwise none the worse for her ordeal, Mrs. Qi commented later: "When you're cornered the only

way out is to fight."

Policewoman Zhou Yi became a heroine but suffered terrible injuries when she snatched a child from the path of a moving train.

Also among the new official heroes was a third year college student, Zhang Hua, 24, who drowned in a three-metre (nine feet) deep cesspit trying to save a peasant who had fallen in.

The official Communist Party line encourages holding up heroes like Mr. Zhang for China's one billion "broad masses" to emulate so they can make greater contributions to society.

Secretary of the Communist

youth league Wang Zhaoqiu described Mr. Zhang as a person with "high ideals as well as socialist morality" and called on people to learn from him.

But a lively debate is now under way in the official press over whether or not Zhang Hua should have jumped into the tank to save the 69-year-old peasant.

While all letters from readers appearing in official newspapers praised the student's courage and selfless sacrifice, some questioned the logic and value of his death.

"The sacrifice of Zhang Hua, a promising student who would probably have made greater con-

tributions to the country, for an old peasant was like exchanging gold nuggets for a bag of stones," one letter signed "Loquacious" said.

Another suggested that although helping a person in distress was one of the better human traits, a man should think before he leaps. "If I knew I couldn't swim, I would not have jumped into that tank."

But the most interesting analysis of the dead student's motives came from a reader in Shanghai who likened Mr. Zhang's heroic deeds to those of American movie star Rock Hudson.

The reader said Mr. Zhang was probably influenced by Hudson's humanitarianism in the film "Ice Station Zebra," in which he risks his life in an attempt to save scientists trapped on the polar ice cap.

The film recently played to packed houses in China.

The letter from "Loquacious" drew immediate criticism from other readers, some accused him of being selfish and others said his gold-for-stones theory on human beings was outrageous.

One letter said that if "Loquacious" was ever unfor-

tunate enough to fall into a river, he would surely drown while peasants stood by arguing about his value to socialism.

This kind of public debate about the party's heroes would never have been tolerated during Mao Tse-tung's 1966-76 Cultural Revolution when blind worship was the name of the game.

Nowadays, although open discussion of hard politics is still very much taboo in China, limited free expression is encouraged by the moderate leadership under Deng Xiaoping.

Letters from readers now

appear daily in the official press, including some criticism of officials and government bodies alleged to be neglecting their duties.

In most cases, the holding up of a national hero means that the virtues embodied in him are sadly lacking in the rest of the population.

The state propaganda machine has churned out all sorts of heroes over the years, so that the Chinese can be enjoined to work harder, help old people and young children, or even clean up neighbourhood eyesores.

This year's heroes also include a woman bus driver who was stabbed to death by robbers who tried to protect her passenger.

But the authorities these days seem to prefer live heroes to dead ones.

The Communist Party's chief theoretician, Hu Qiaomu, commenting in the people's daily on the deaths of two scientists who refused to stop work despite

danger, said serious efforts should have been made to prolong their lives.

"Dedicated communists as scientists often disregard their own health. In some cases compulsory measures should be taken by the leadership to get such people to accept better living and working conditions," he said. "This is the responsibility of leaders," he added.

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Values and rights

In a newspaper article published recently, Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, sort of questioned policies pursued by the present Israeli government. He might have wanted to know, for instance, why S. President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative had to be rejected outright by Prime Minister Menachem Begin when almost all American Jewish leaders found "some merit, and certainly the best intention" in it; why Israel, at peak strength, still insists on "old Zionist formulas, responses and programmes" that were designed to protect world Jews in a war like 1938 when the climate they lived in was "inhospitable, and, indeed, turned out for x million Jews to be catastrophically fatal"; why, when for two millennia Jews fought for their freedoms, Israel now "censors speech in territory" and violates basic human rights.

Stressing his strong Zionist beliefs, Mr. Bronfman made it clear that his questions were not being asked with hands wringing and wailing, but with full awareness of a great Jewish strength that is perhaps too great for preserving "Jewish values and position in the world."

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Ra'i: Jordan performs its role; now it is the Arabs' turn

The National Consultative Council (NCC) discussed the 1983 draft budget with a high spirit of democracy and sense of responsibility. The discussions which were the basis for approving the budget unanimously, and Prime Minister Idris Badran's address to the council expressed a high degree of national awareness and commitment, courage in expressing views unreservedly and positively in making critical remarks of some sort or another of the budget.

Our people, through the government and the C, have renewed their oath of loyalty to His Majesty King Hussein, and to the Jordanian Armed Forces, defender of our homeland and dignity, and expressed respect, insisting on guaranteeing all sorts of support for its continuous advancement. The high-voiced support for the joint Jordanian-Arabian drive was another aspect of the highly responsible proceedings of the recent NCC meeting.

The budget discussions witnessed no probes to expose weaknesses or cover-ups for points of

Dustour: Israel's internal conflicts bear significance

A working meeting held between U.S. President Reagan and Israeli President Navon, currently paying a private visit to the United States, bears a vital significance, according to American observers, who described it as a significant political hit.

Inside Israel, the visit seems to be met with an unusual response due to political developments expected to emerge from the present political contest within the Israeli society.

Nevertheless, the most prominent feature of ton's present visit to the U.S. is that it comes against a background of an undesirable image in American citizen's mind of Israel and its aggressive policies which brought destruction to Lebanon and resulted in the massacre of hundreds of innocent Lebanese and Palestinian civilians. The violent and barbaric nature of the Israeli

invasion aroused a strong feeling of indignation and disapproval among American public opinion, and instigated a feeling of guilt, based on the special American-Israeli relationship.

These new American sentiments will add to the difficulties Navon's visit facing, and make it unlikely that the Israeli president will be able to re-establish the Israeli image in the American mind as it was before the invasion of Lebanon.

The U.S. administration seems to have recognised fully, though unadmittedly, that the present Israeli rulers are a genuine obstacle to peace efforts for the Middle East.

Will this lead to a more balanced U.S. policy in the region? A historic opportunity for arriving at a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East is at stake: Is the U.S. administration considering the aftermaths of a futile countdown?

Reagan administration divided over nuclear dialogue with the Soviets

Limiting nuclear missiles in Europe

By Jeffrey Antevil
Reuter

SHINGTON — Reagan administration officials are still over how to respond to Soviet proposals for limiting nuclear missiles in Europe. Officials, using a hard line appeared to be the upper hand last month in the administration termed "acceptable" an offer by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to reduce Soviet missiles in Europe if NATO dropped plans to buy 572 comparable weapons starting next year.

At the formal response was held only after about eight hours debate within the administration, U.S. officials said. Another 10 including many state department and arms control officials argued that the offer, while acceptable as it stood, moved in the right direction and could be a starting point for negotiations when talks on Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) resume in Geneva on Jan. 27.

But officials on the other side, mainly in the Pentagon and National Security Council, argued that Washington should not encourage West European anti-nuclear sentiment by appearing to waver in its commitment to deploying new NATO missiles unless Moscow dismantles its entire intermediate range missile force. This includes the 333 modern SS-20s, two-thirds of them targeted on Western Europe and about 300 old SS-4s and SS-5s long scheduled by Moscow for retirement.

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offer for several weeks and the views of these officials appeared to be reflected in an administration statement last week, before the Soviet leader made his plan public. The statement said: "We will continue to study the Soviet position and it will be among the things we will be discussing when the next round of talks begins on January 27."

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U.S. arms control negotiator Eugene Rostow called Mr. Andropov's speech "profoundly

disappointing," saying in an interview with the Washington Post that it consisted of old ideas to which the United States had already responded. But he also said that "a generally promising compromise initiative developed

As the date for the resumption of talks on East-West nuclear missiles reduction nears, the American administration is divided over how to deal with the Soviet offer to reduce missiles. While some are optimistic about the offer, others view it as bowing to European pressure on Washington.

During last summer... an initiative the United States was willing to explore... was turned down flatly by the Soviet Union in September.

Mr. Rostow did not elaborate, but the post quoted other officials

RED & BLACK

Economic highlights of 1982

By Jawad Ahmad

At the beginning of a new year, it has become a tradition for me to write an evaluation of the most salient economic events of the past year. The task this year is clouded since the new year bears the seeds of economic gloom or at least economic uncertainty.

According to expert opinions as concerns prospects for the Jordanian economy, the picture in Jordan seems brighter than for the rest of the world. With this gleam of optimism in the future as a background we can now revert to Jordan to assess the biggest ten economic events in 1982. These shall be ranked according to my subjective indicator of importance, starting with the most important and ending with the least.

1. The new fertiliser and potash projects:

The inauguration by His Majesty King Hussein of these two projects signifies the elevation of Jordan to one of the leading fertiliser producers and exporters in the world. These two mammoth ventures can be seen as a dream fulfilled.

Although current world demand for potash and fertilisers may dampen the performance in 1983, Jordan has successfully accomplished a fertiliser and potash industry and can proud itself of having done so.

2. The discovery of the Mukheibit well:

One of Jordan's nagging problems is the shortage of water. The discovery of this new source of underground water in the Jordan Valley has come as a great relief. A water flow ranging between 60-70

million cubic metres goes a long way to cover Jordan's water shortage. This water comes from purely Jordanian sources, and no other country can therefore claim it. As is well known other countries claims to the Yarmouk River has resulted in the sad fact that the Maqarin Dam still awaits implementation.

3. Income tax law:

The introduction of the new income tax law signifies the beginning of a new relation between citizens and government in the area of fiscal affairs. The law has broken the vicious circle where the tax payer said: "I do not pay taxes until I receive, and the government replied: "I do not deliver until you pay".

The law has bridged the credibility gap which traditionally characterised the hated for direct taxes. Now people can fill out their own forms without somebody from the ITD (Income Tax Department) breathing down their necks. The new exemptions as well as the tax rates are more reasonable and will facilitate tax collection.

4. The proliferation of finance companies:

The mind-twisting euphoria in the money and finance markets of Jordan which had taken place during the last seven years finally culminated in the rise and diversity of financial institutions. During 1982, at least five investment companies and four savings and loans associations were licensed. The lowest basic capital of any of these companies is bigger than the capital of some

banks.

5. The supply complex near Amman:

What is most appreciated in the Ministry of Supply is not its monopoly over the wholesale of major staple goods, but how it is creating major storage facilities for these goods.

6. The higher education council:

Al Juweidh is a complex of complementary supply projects which was inaugurated by the King last September. The project which includes a flour mill, a 150,000-ton wheat silo, cold stores, and grain warehouses is a source of pride and will to a large extent ensure Jordan's food security.

7. The higher education council:

There has been mounting pressure in Jordan to create a Ministry of Higher Education. Instead, the decision was taken to establish by law, a Higher Education Council (HEC) which primarily aims to more efficiently invest in human capital in accordance with Jordan's labour market needs. The Council is still at an infant stage and it is presumptuous to judge its performance in light of the significant role assigned to it.

8. Oil exploration in Al Azraq:

The question that has kept bugging Jordanians is: "Why don't we have oil? We are surrounded by oil exporting countries and we must also have oil." There had been drilling for oil but all of them ended in failure and myth. The reluctance of major oil companies to exert serious drilling efforts in Jordan made people suspicious and gave rise to rumours about an imperialist plot. In 1982, a serious local effort was made. Two wells were sunk and a third is underway. There evidently is oil in Jordan but whether there are feasible quantities is yet to be determined.

9. The capital market boom:

By the end of 1982

the heated speculative mood which

prevailed in the Amman

Financial Market (AFM) had subsided.

In the peak month of

September, trading in stocks exceeded JD 1 million.

In the parallel market where

stocks less than one year old

are traded, the heat was no less impressive.

This peak should indicate to

financial planners the potential of

the stock market. Especially

since it often has been considered being of negligible

importance for Jordan's economy.

10. Exemption of Egyptian labourers from residence permits:

This decision was one of the most important in 1982 due to its mixed effects on the labour market. The labour market of Jordan is probably one of the tightest existing, since demand is much higher than available labour supply.

The gap is partially covered by imported labour particularly in agriculture, construction and services. Egyptians constitute 70 per cent. The handling of their permits and residence papers proved to be tedious, and costly. Those who had residence permits commanded high wages or quasi-rents. When the administrative routine was alleviated, availability suddenly replaced scarcity and wages levelled off.

There are other important developments which took place in 1982 and which merit mentioning. Yet I left them out because my choice is limited to ten. However, some of the developments which are difficult to exclude are the construction of a power station in the south, the building of cement factories, particularly the one near Rashidiyah, the coverage of 70,000 public servants in a social security scheme, etc.

During the course of 1982 there appeared many difficult problems on the political and international scenes. The economic events in Jordan were, however, most gratifying.

draw several other nominations.

When the president toyed with the notion of speeding up 1983 tax cuts, some of his own economic advisers criticised the plan. Mr. Reagan dropped it.

Even Mr. Reagan's desire to make his 1984 re-election decision at his own pace has brought some embarrassments. Over his objections, former White House aide Lyn Nofziger recently tried to form a Reagan-for-president pressure group of hardline conservatives.

Mr. Reagan ordered administration officials to boycott the meeting, which seemed designed to undercut and embarrass moderate Republicans such as Vice-President George Bush.

A few days later, junior White House aides got into trouble for running a computer study of possible 1984 voting trends, determining Mr. Reagan might lose, and telling the press. Despite Mr. Reagan's year-end woes, senior administration officials say he may be in for some change of luck. They say the new Congress may be slightly more cautious about challenging him than the outgoing one, which was heavily influenced at the end by retiring members with nothing to lose.

For all the uproar over the MX, even the lame-duck group approved the biggest peacetime defence budget in U.S. history. But White House loyalists concede that the president will now have to govern by struggle, veto and compromise -- more in the style of a Gerald Ford than the early Ronald Reagan.

"dense pack" formation in Wyoming, while others argued against the missile on economic grounds.

In the end, Republican ranks broke in the Senate too, and the president had to accept more compromise than he offered: No MX production funds and money for missile development made conditional upon congressional approval of a basing plan.

Emergency jobs

The MX crisis was matched by the uproar over emergency jobs proposals, at a time when unemployment is at 10.8 per cent. Under pressure from key advisers and despite his distaste for public works projects and tax rises, Mr. Reagan supported a highway repair jobs programme financed by higher petrol taxes -- only to see it blocked by anti-tax, right-wing Republicans. The conservatives gave up only after Mr. Reagan had beaten back more sweeping Democratic jobs proposals in an exhausting test of strength.

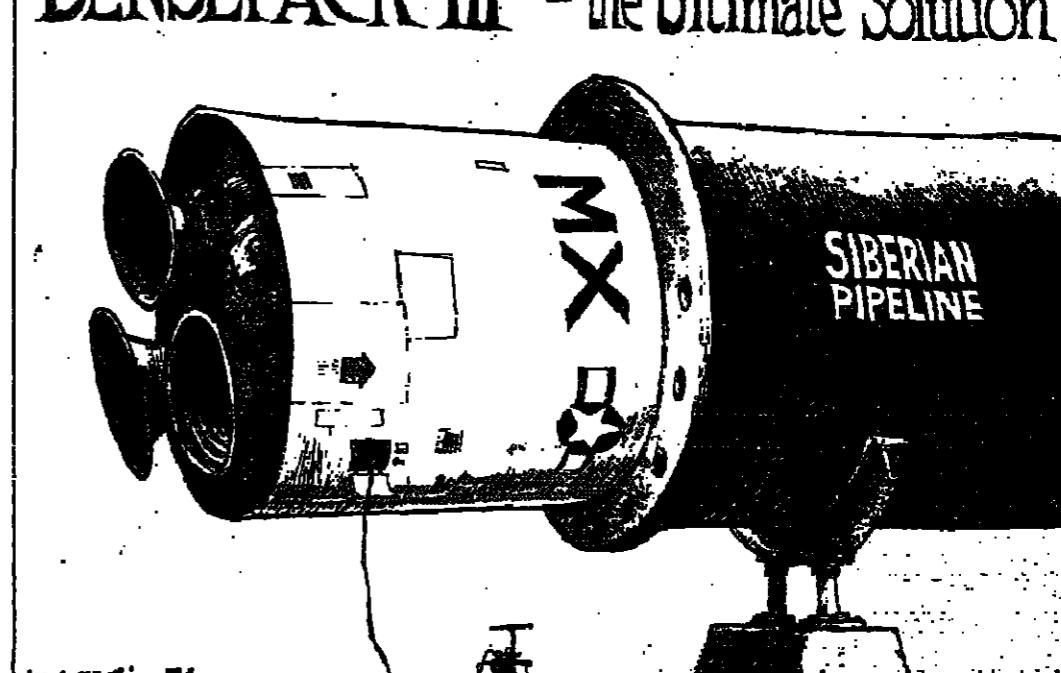
In the midst of all this, the House charged Mr. Reagan's top environmental aide, Anne Gorsuch, with contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over government records. It was the first such contempt citation made against a senior federal government official and set up a major court battle on constitutional grounds.

Conservatives also blocked Senate approval of two Reagan nominees for foreign policy posts, while pressure from other quarters forced the president to withdraw

his nomination of Robert McRae to the State Department.

Opponents of the MX also succeeded in blocking the president's plan to deploy the weapon in a bunched-together

DENSEPACK III - the Ultimate Solution



New York struggles to help 56,000 homeless

By Michele Abruzzi
Reuters

NEW YORK — New York's homeless are no longer merely a feature of "skid row"; they forage in garbage cans in elegant neighbourhoods, bathe in railway station toilets and sleep in doorways in the theatre district.

Tens of thousands of people, many with their belongings in paper bags, wander the city. Some stay in emergency shelters. Many spend days on park benches and nights in the underground, in cardboard boxes or in 24-hour bank branches.

It is generally estimated there are 36,000 homeless men and women in New York. Groups which provide shelter for children say they see about 20,000 homeless or runaway children each year.

"There are more and more people on the street," said Robert Hayes, a lawyer who has been using lawsuits to prod the city to improve its shelter system.

The courts have recognised

New York state's constitutional responsibility to provide shelter, but Mr. Hayes says conditions in the shelters frighten people away while the city says it has done a good job, providing housing for everyone who seeks it.

New York has been using public buildings as shelters where people can sleep on cots, shower and eat. Officials say the city now spends \$38 million annually for the homeless, five times what it was spending three years ago.

"They're no longer sleeping on the floor in that room (in the men's shelter, an old armory building). They're not closing the door when they run out of space," Mr. Hayes told Reuters.

"There are nearly 10 times the number of beds there were for women and three times more for men. On the other hand, more people are on the street now than three years ago."

Mr. Hayes said there were only 4,500 beds available and dirty or dangerous conditions frightened many people away.

He has returned to court several

times to sue on behalf of homeless women and the homeless mentally ill and to seek compliance with quality standards laid out in a court consent decree.

Last month a judge said some people had to wait for hours each day to be bused from an intake centre to shelter. "To say that these and like proposals are an honest substitute for the integrated shelter facilities originally contemplated by this decree would be to play a cruel and unacceptable hoax upon the plaintiffs and the class they represent," he said.

City officials maintain that New York, which relies on volunteer and church groups as well as its own shelter system, is far ahead of the rest of the country in caring for its homelessness.

"I think the city has done a remarkable job in the basic requirements of the consent decree... any city administration in this country which can claim what this city has done should be praised, not damned," said Bonnie Stone, assistant deputy

administrator at the Human Resources Administration which runs the shelters for adults.

She said most shelters stayed open all day. Two closed during the day, necessitating bussing to and from the building.

"There is nobody who goes without shelter if they come forward. We open spaces as we need them. Remember it's a fiscal crisis too," she told Reuters.

Mr. Hayes conceded that "every shelter is not out of compliance," but said: "the real battle is at the margin."

Last January a woman was found dead in a cardboard container where she lived for eight months after repeatedly refusing food and housing from city social workers.

Miss Stone said: "we have yet to find a way to entice some of the women to come in."

"If someone dies on the street, the mayor will say, no, we don't turn anyone away," said Mr. Hayes. "But if a man goes up there, gets frightened because of the conditions and leaves, I say

he's been turned away."

Last winter Mr. Hayes left his job at a Wall Street law firm to devote more time to the national coalition for the homeless, an organisation he founded to help the two million homeless around the country.

"Fifteen years ago most would have been old, white drinking men," he said. "But the release of many mental patients from institutions in the 1970s, high unemployment and an acute housing shortage had transformed the homeless.

In the past six years in New York, he said, 38,000 cheap rooms in single room occupancy hotels had been converted to expensive housing. Only 18,000 remain.

Recently at the men's shelter, a city-run centre, scores of men waiting to be bussed to a place to sleep milled about the huge, drab room or sat on the floor.

The staff sat in an office behind a window. Guards sat in their own office and one emerged on his

dinner break with a banana in one hand and a truncheon in the other.

Ron, a black man in his late 30s, introduced himself as an ex-convict and said he was given \$40 when he was released from jail the week before, he had a job but was staying at a shelter until he earned enough to pay rent.

"This place has lice. People get violent," he said. "But if I can just make it to next Thursday (payday), I'll be all right."

Thomas, 24, said he grew up in a Harlem slum but denied that his background was what put him among the homeless. "I don't have to be here. I can leave any time," he said. "I'm just trying to prove to myself I can be away from my family."

George, also 24, said he too grew up in Harlem but he had no home or job because of drugs and everything else.

"I've got two things against me: I'm black and I'm here," George said. "But I want to get out of here. I'm not promising you, but I'm saying I'm going to try."

Randa Habib's corner

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Spelling mistakes appear all over our streets. In big letters, on d private and public signs, with or without neon lights, our spelling mistakes are widely advertised.

Writing "Uroban" or "Uropian" instead of European is not that big a problem because we can at least understand what it means. We can also guess that the owner of a shop called "G.R." had in mind "J.R." the hero of the famous TV series Dallas.

But, it took me some time to work out that the sign outside a shop in Jabal Luweibeh called "Chamzilizbeh" actually meant Champs Elysees.

A beauty parlour which has opened recently proudly advertises itself as "Institute de Beate". Do they realise that "beate" in French means "devout"?

For many people, "boutique" means "boutique," and men's hairdressers are more often than not referring to themselves as Barbers.

P instead of B's (and vice versa) are also widespread. Boutiques such as "Mode de Baris" are numerous, and I have also seen two "potikes" in Jabal Hussein and an advertisement for good coffee from "Praxi".

But the shop in that tope them all is spelled perfectly correctly. A large sign on a main avenue in our capital reads "House of Nuts". No, it's not a lunatic asylum — simply a shop that sells nuts. Don't worry — the entire staff is very sane.

British M.P.s call for security shakeup after spy scandals

By Nicholas Phythian
Reuters

LONDON — Britain's spycatchers, their reputation in tatters after a disastrous year for British security, are under pressure to open their secret world to the scrutiny of parliament.

Politicians from both the left and right, angered by one of the worst spy scandals of the past 30 years, want the security service made more accountable and have called for a full parliamentary debate on the subject.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has ordered the security commission, the government's security watchdog, to see if changes are needed and has promised parliament a debate.

Security, or the lack of it, was a recurrent theme in Britain in 1982 and is likely to remain so in 1983.

The first scandal broke in July when an intruder slipped undetected into Queen Elizabeth's bedchamber in Buckingham Palace, denting Britain's image as a discreet but effective protector of public figures.

As Michael Fagan, an unemployed labourer, sat chatting to the queen, another scandal was brewing that would shake the Western alliance and undermine U.S. confidence in Britain.

Police had arrested taxi driver Geoffrey Prime for molesting three young girls. Under questioning, he also admitted spying for Moscow while working as a translator at a secret British communications centre in the late 1960s and 1970s.

The case did not go to trial until November, but during the months leading up to it there were persistent reports from the United States that a British security leak had allowed the Soviet Union to penetrate Western intelligence.

Mrs. Thatcher and her government refused to comment on the reports. At his trial, Prime, 44, admitted selling secrets to Moscow while working at the government's code-cracking and signals centre in Cheltenham, which eavesdropped on Moscow.

He was jailed for 35 years for spying and three years for indecent assault, and the case unleashed a political storm.

Mrs. Thatcher subsequently told parliament that Prime had damaged the United States and the Western alliance as well as Britain. She said he supplied information which would have alerted Moscow to Western knowledge of certain important aspects of Soviet defence arrangements and the ways that knowledge was obtained.

The British authorities also successfully prosecuted a 60-year-old Canadian economics professor, Hugh Hambleton, as a Soviet spy.

But the tip-off came from the Canadians themselves, and Hambleton was arrested when he visited London.

Hambleton said at first he was a double agent, then changed his story and pleaded guilty to selling NATO secrets to Moscow while working in Paris. He was jailed for 10 years.

The day Hambleton went on trial, a British woman diplomat pleaded guilty to passing confidential information to her Egyptian lover while working at the British embassy in Tel Aviv.

Again it was not super sleuthing by British security that trapped her. It was the Israeli secret service which pointed a finger at Rhona Ritchie, 30, as an intelligence lack. She got a nine-month suspended sentence.

British security claimed one triumph, though, saying agents caught the Soviet naval attaché in London trying to start a spy ring. He was expelled in early December, but the Soviet Union retaliated by ordering out the British naval attaché in Moscow.

The British authorities also acted to remove a South African embassy employee suspected of spying against black African nationalist groups and anti-apartheid organisations in London.

Again the suspected covert activities were discovered by chance. A burglar arrested on a drink-driving charge told police he had stolen documents from the South African, Joseph Klue.

The intruder at Buckingham Palace led to a security shake-up at the Queen's official London residence and indirectly brought to light a homosexual affair involving her personal bodyguard, Commander Michael Trestrel.

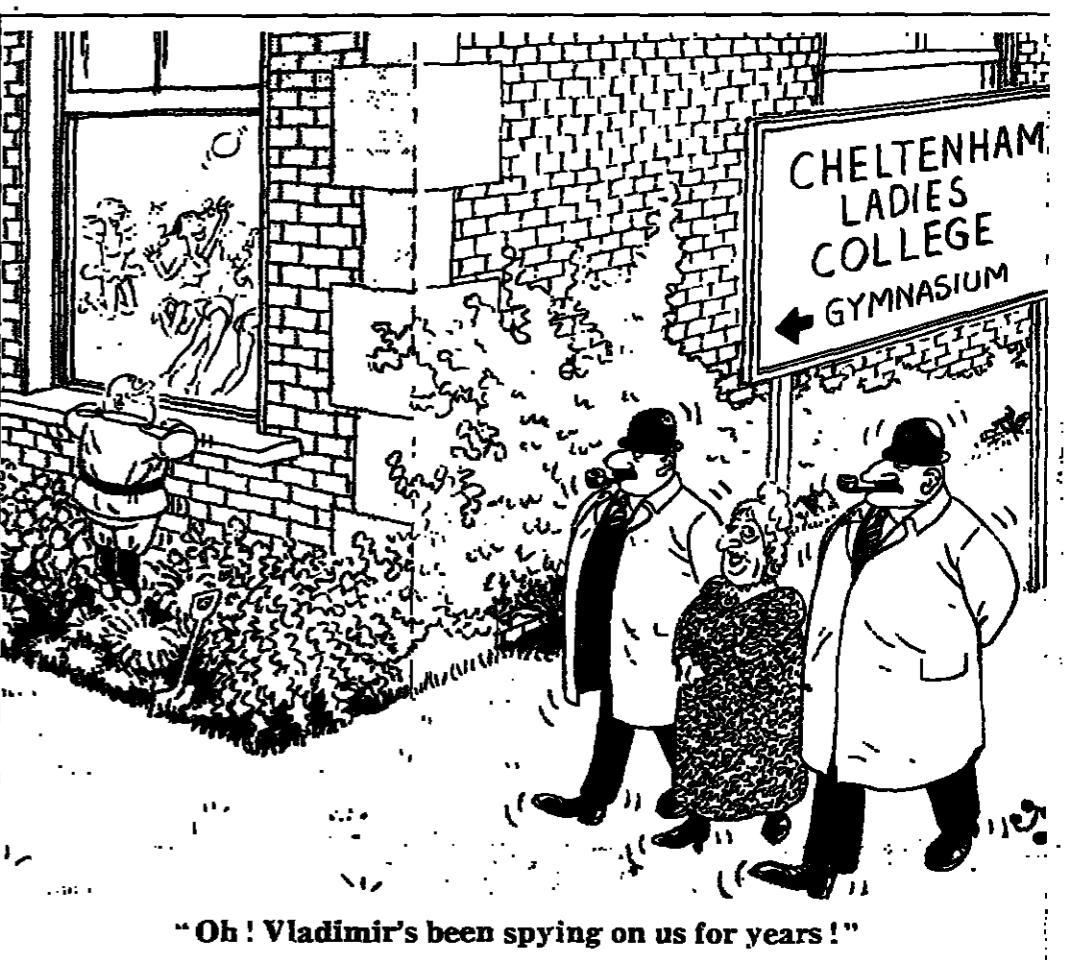
Trestrel resigned after admitting an affair with a male prostitute, who sold the story to a newspaper.

Both the Prime case and the Trestrel affair cast doubt on the system of positive vetting, introduced in 1952 after spy scandals involving British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean, who defected to Moscow.

Prime was vetted four times and Trestrel once, without raising any suspicions.

Mrs. Thatcher, who is personally responsible for security matters, had the need for stricter safeguard brought home to her in November when an incendiary package delivered in the post exploded at her official residence, 10 Downing Street.

Now she has installed an electronic bomb-sniffing device to make sure it does not happen again.



TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION

MAIN CHANNEL

7:30 French Programme
News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 Private Benjamin
8:30 Eight is Enough
8:30 News in English
10:15 Movie of the Week: Captain Tait

FOREIGN CHANNEL

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RADIO JORDAN

855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz FM
& partly on 95.0 KHz SW

7:15 Morning Show
8:30 News
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SPORTS

Pressure on England in final test

SYDNEY (R) — England, needing victory to retain the Ashes, will bank on spin in their attempt to make an early breakthrough against Australia in the decisive fifth and final cricket test here Thursday.

Australia resume after Wednesday's rest day leading overall by 167 with seven second innings wickets left and two days of what has been an absorbing match remaining.

England captain Bob Willis intends to attack immediately with off spinners Eddie Hemmings and Geoff Miller when Australia start what is likely to be a crucial first session at 90 for three.

Willis said Tuesday: "None of the Australian batsmen in the second innings have played them confidently. The pressure will be on Australia if they lose two batsmen or around 30 runs in the first hour Thursday."

But Willis also acknowledged he greatest and final pressure will be on England. His team trail 2-1 and must follow their three-run win in the fourth test with another success here to level the series and

keep the Ashes they have held since 1977.

England's skipper said: "The odds against us are tighter than 50-50 and we have last use of the wicket. The strip will progressively take more and more spin. It will be very evident on the fifth day."

"If we are set 300 runs to get it will be difficult, but not impossible," Willis added.

Although the pitch is expected to take spin, Australia's fast bowlers could still be the trump cards in their bid to regain the Ashes.

Geoff Lawson, Jeff Thomson and Rodney Hogg have played an increasingly dominant part for an Australian side whose only specialist slow bowler, off spinner Bruce Yardley, has been less effective here than in previous tests.

Willis admitted England's batting technique against the speed trio "wasn't working," but the touring team have made a point of carrying the attack to Yardley in this test.

Willis said: "Yardley had been bowling at the rate of 1.2 runs an

over in the series. He is good, but not that good, and we planned to offset his tactics."

Willis reacted strongly to a suggestion that England had put pressure on umpire Dick French with their appeals against Kim Hughes for a catch off the third ball of the day Tuesday bowled by Miller.

Hughes played across a flighted delivery which popped high into the air and over Geoff Cook at short square leg where he turned, dived headlong and caught the ball.

Cook was surrounded by jumping, back-slapping England fieldsmen, but Hughes held his ground and French ruled him not out. A television replay confirmed French's doubts that the delivery had come off the bat.

Willis said: "I don't like the suggestion we put on a display. We simply appealed and Hughes was given not out."

"I'm glad I made it a policy not to discuss umpires' decisions before the tour started," he added.

Navratilova, Jaeger advance to round 2 of \$150,000 meet

WASHINGTON (R) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova easily reached the second round of a \$150,000 tennis tournament Tuesday night with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over fellow-American Leigh Anne Thompson.

Second seeded American Andrea Jaeger also advanced but had a more difficult time before defeating compatriot Candy Reynolds 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Navratilova, 26, the world's

unseeded American Alycia Moulton 7-6, 6-1 in the first round.

Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia recovered from a shaky

start to overpower American Anna-Maria Fernandez 6-3, 6-0,

in the second round Tuesday.

The unseeded Fernandez surprised Mandlikova, ranked seventh, by rushing the net early in the first set to capitalise on her opponent's weak serves.

Fromholz won the first set with the help of three service breaks and, after regaining her service touch, took the set by winning eight straight points. The second set was all Mandlikova, who shut out Fernandez in just 20 minutes.

Reynolds, 27, also broke

Jaeger's serve three times in the

first set, but could not keep the

momentum and eventually just ran out of steam.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

All-Arab plan to help Sudan

KUWAIT (OPECNA) — An All-Arab plan to help Sudan out of its economic difficulties is in the offing, according to Mr. Idris Ali Mansour, Sudanese minister of finance and economic planning. He was speaking on arrival here for consultations with Mr. Abdel Latif Yousef Al Hammad, his Kuwaiti counterpart, on setting up a unified Arab strategy to tackle Sudan's economic problems.

U.S. jobless rate may rise to 11%

WASHINGTON (R) — White House economists believe that unemployment will reach 11 per cent this year — leaving 12 million Americans without jobs — before starting to decline, administration sources said Tuesday.

GCC oil ministers meet Saturday

MANAMA (OPECNA) — Oil ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will open a two-day meeting here Saturday to discuss oil refining in the Gulf and the movement of oil by-products among the six member states. The Bahrain ministry of development and industry said the meeting will also consider the possibility of setting up a system to ensure adequate fuel supplies to power stations in the Gulf.

Major airlines could lose \$2b

GENEVA (R) — The world's major airlines face losses of \$1.7 to \$2 billion in 1983, Mr. Knut Hammarkjold, director general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said Tuesday. Mr. Hammarkjold said in a statement: "1983 will thus be the fifth straight year of deficit."

Iran, China explore agricultural ties

TEHRAN (OPECNA) — Ways of expanding cooperation in livestock breeding were explored at a meeting here between Iranian Deputy Agriculture Minister Abbas Ali Zali and the Chinese deputy minister of foreign economic and commercial relations. Zali said trade between the two countries, currently amounting to \$500 million would increase as a result of China's continued achievements in agriculture and irrigation, especially water conservation and soil quality improvement.

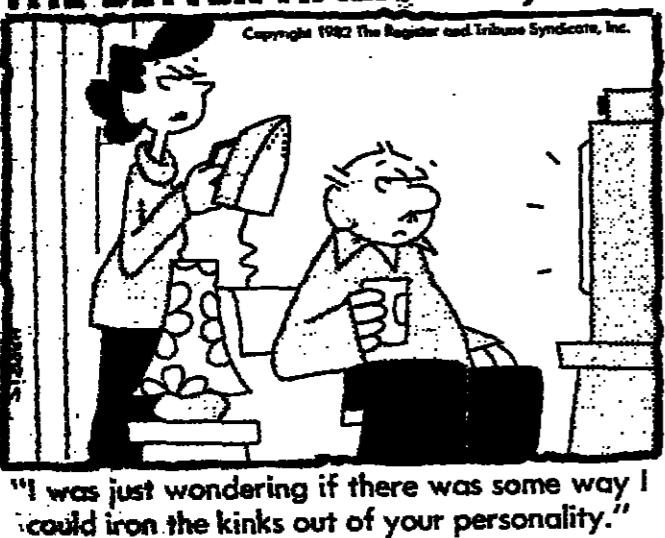
Reagan plans \$30b spending cuts

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan plans to seek domestic spending reductions of about \$30 billion in the 1984 financial year, but such cuts would still leave a budget deficit of \$170 billion, administration sources said Tuesday. The president is due to present his budget proposals to Congress later this month for the 1984 financial year starting on Oct. 1.

Arab, OPEC aid total \$2.1b

BAHRAIN (R) — Arab and OPEC development institutions made aid commitments to 30 developing countries totalling \$582 million in the third quarter of 1982, the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Wednesday. This brought their total aid to the Third World in the first nine months of the year to \$2.06 billion. OAPEC's monthly bulletin said.

THE BETTER HALF By Harris



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DENYE

GIBEE

WEGNIT

MERRIP

COULD BE EATING
WITH A GREAT
DEAL OF NOISE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above caption.

Print answer here:

_____ - _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: MOCHA WINCE EMBARK CORNER
Answer: What one might be looking for at the library—A NEW ROMANCE

Mobil's pullout from Libya described as reflection of economic realities

LONDON (R) — The decision by the U.S. oil company Mobil to pull out of Libya is a reflection of economic realities rather than an extension of the cold war between Tripoli and Washington, according to oil analysts.

Mobil is following on the heels of Exxon, another American major that decided more than a year ago to cut its losses in Libya where its oil concession was proving increasingly unprofitable.

Tuesday's Mobil announcement blamed Colonel Muammar Qadhafi's administration for driving the company out by its unilateral action on pricing.

"By unilaterally manipulating oil prices, taxes and royalties over a period of years, the Libyan government has destroyed the economic value of the concessions resulting in a fundamental breach and repudiation of the agreements between Libya and Mobil," the announcement said.

Informed sources in Tripoli said Mobil decided to pull out after failing to talk the Libyans into a new

equity deal for 1983.

Mobil had been pondering a withdrawal since the Exxon pullout.

The world oil slump made it cheaper to leave oil in the ground than to extract it at the tax-paid prices set by Libya. Mobil and other producers complained.

The sources said a continuing slide in prices on the European spot market in the last quarter of 1982 convinced Mobil it was no longer profitable to hang on under the existing terms the Libyans wanted to maintain.

The pullout will have little effect on either party, according to oil analysts.

Libya is now producing around 1.7 million barrels a day, of which less than 100,000 barrels were supplied by Mobil.

This compares with production by the Oasis consortium (Marathon, Conoco and Amerada Hess) of some 700,000 barrels a day.

Oasis, Mobil, Exxon and Occidental were the major equity producers which shared oil pro-

duction with the Libyan National Oil Corporation since the 1969 revolution.

Agip of Italy and ELF-Aquitaine of France are now increasingly important.

Although one of the most politically radical oil-producers, Libya always held off from fully nationalising the industry and tried to stay on good terms with the oil companies even when relations with Washington were at rock bottom.

The U.S. oil firms have stayed on as long as they have despite severe political tension between Libya and the United States.

In December 1981, President Reagan called on all Americans resident in Libya to leave, alleging they were in imminent danger if they remained.

Although some individuals resisted the presidential order, the oil companies did withdraw U.S. personnel while continuing operations under non-American expatriate staff.

U.S. companies also remained when President Reagan stepped up his campaign against the Qadhafi regime by slapping a ban on U.S. imports of Libyan crude.

The Libyans have expressed concern in the past that a slow draining of U.S. expertise could cause technical problems in the industry. But they appear to have overcome this by bringing in Arab and other foreign experts.

Mobil Corporation said Tuesday it had withdrawn from its exploration and production activities in Libya and was bringing arbitration proceedings against the Libyan government to recover its losses.

Mobil spokesman said the company had notified the Libyan government and Mobil's partners in Libya—Veba Oel AG and National Oil Co., the state oil company—of its withdrawal.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed firmer in moderate trading with the oil sector a strong feature reflecting a similar performance of Wall Street Tuesday night, dealers said. The F.T. index was up 11.3 at 610.2 at 1500 Wednesday.

Oils attracted speculative demand because Saudi Oil Minister Yamani met U.S. oil officials for talks in Geneva. B.P. was up 8p to 304, while Shell and Tricentrol both firmed 10p to 424 and 16p respectively. Britoil advanced 3p to 63.

UDS rose 4p to 95 pending its response to the bid by the newly formed Bassishaw Company. Gold shares were firm in line with the bullion price, while North American shares were mixed.

Government bonds showed little reaction to Wednesday's U.K. official reserves data and conventional issues ended narrowly mixed, dealers said. They noted some switching into index linked issues which ended by as much as 1/4 points higher.

Among leaders, Glaxo advanced 95p to 1,363 on strong U.S. demand while Tate and Lyle rose 10p to 236 ahead of figures due shortly. Beecham and Blue Circle were up 14 and 13p at 355 and 443 respectively.

Tozer Kemistry was up 2p to 29 on further consideration of Tuesday's restructuring plans, while Anderson Strathclyde shed 7p at 158 after its bid for National Mine Service Tuesday.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.6225/35	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2396/99	Canadian dollars
	2.3475/85	West German marks
	2.5975/85	Dutch guilders
	1.9635/50	Swiss francs
	46.22/27	Belgian francs
	6.6570/6600	French francs
	1354.90/1355.40	Italian lire
	228.70/85	Japanese yen
	7.2360/2410	Swiss crowns
	6.9575/9625	Norwegian crowns
	8.2850/2950	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	455.00/456.00	U.S. dollars

Yen strengthens

TOKYO (R) — The Japanese yen, after a dramatic and unexpected bout of weakness on the world's foreign exchange markets last year, is clawing its way back to strength.

Foreign exchange dealers said in Tokyo Wednesday that the yen could be worth 200 against the U.S. dollar within a few months, a far cry from the low of 278.10 at the beginning of November.

At Wednesday's close in Tokyo the yen stood at 228.90 to the dollar, and dealers said its growth in value had taken root in the light of a possible further decline in U.S. interest rates.

High U.S. rates drew money away from yen-denominated investments last year, but falling rates have combined with a weakening dollar to strengthen the yen.

Bankers predict that the Bank of Japan, the country's central bank, will take advantage of the firmer yen to cut the current 5.5 per cent discount rate and stimulate the sluggish Japanese economy. They were uncertain about the extent and timing of the reduction.

The climate of optimism sent share prices on the Tokyo stock exchange to a record high Wednesday with the market indicator rising 44.75 points to close at 8,066.15 and 470 million shares changing hands.

Both Bank of Japan Governor Haruo Maekawa and Finance Minister Noboru Takeshita told news conference Wednesday they would wait and see if the firmness of the yen was fundamental or just temporary before deciding to cut the discount rate.

A stronger yen would make Japanese goods more expensive on overseas markets and could lead to falling foreign demand and a drop in Japanese exports, economists said.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Considerable confusion and muddled thinking exists later in the day, so make a point to make important decisions earlier. You begin to see things more clearly in the evening.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Go to the right sources for the data you need. Don't take advice from those who are not cognizant of all the facts.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Obtain important information about a project you are interested in before you go ahead with definite plans. Use your wisdom.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you handle routine duties in a more up-to-date way, you get more benefits. Study a new plan before making any changes.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't neglect important work early in the day. Try to cooperate more with co-workers. Strive for more harmony.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Take care you don't take on any heavy expenditures of money in the evening. Allow time to engage in creative activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Postpone going ahead with a new interest you have in mind and wait until a better time. Evening is fine for recreation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve the foundation of your life so you can have added abundance in the days ahead. Get rid of annoying conditions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Iron out any problems with others in a quiet and tactful manner. Seek the company of congenials in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have to use careful thought in handling monetary affairs today. Use your intuitive faculties for best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use a different attitude in handling a puzzling situation and you get better results. Relax in the company of friends tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have hidden desires that need more study before you pursue them. Strive for increased happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some of your friends may have problems so be sure to give a helping hand. Show others you have practical wisdom.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who comprehends the problems of others and knows instinctively how to solve them. Be sure to give your gifted progeny the right education to bring out this ability. A busy life in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 7, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to coordinate your efforts with other persons in projects that are vital to your success and happiness. Make sure your artistic qualities are fully utilized.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to be more explicit in letting associates know of your expectations and gain their cooperation. Use care in motion.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Have a good talk with co-workers so that you can increase production. Enjoy social affair in the evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get in touch with friends you haven't seen in a long time and deepen relationships. Don't neglect important business matters.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Good day to get both your home and yourself polished-up so that others will be impressed.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Join with good friends and come to a fair better understanding. Obtain the data you need that will bring you greater success.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Gain the assistance of those with whom you have monetary dealings. Try to improve the value of your property.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take the treatments you need that will improve your appearance. Have a happy time with friends in the evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Gain the favor of those who can help you get the information you need to be successful. Avoid a troublemaker.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to enlist the help of good friends for a new project you have in mind. Don't neglect to pay pressing bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan exactly how to expand where your career is concerned and get good advice from experts. Be kind to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You are able to view present situations from a different angle now and can handle them more successfully.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Try to please your mate more and add to present happiness. Make plans that can bring advancement in your career.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one of those charming young persons who will be able to work along very well with others, so be sure to give as fine an education as you can in order to make the most of this cooperative spirit. A fine person here.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



WORLD

Regionalism key issue in 3-state Indian elections

NEW DELHI (R) — Millions of Indians voted Wednesday in three state elections crucial to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in countering a growing challenge from regional groups.

A heavy to moderate turnout was reported in the polls for new assemblies in the southern states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and in northeastern Tripura plagued by tribal unrest.

Two people were injured and several vehicles burned after clashes between rival political groups in Karnataka, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. But elsewhere the polling, whose outcome should be known Thursday evening, was peaceful.

At least nine people died earlier in attacks by extremists opposed to the elections in Marxist-ruled Tripura.

Elections to the 294-member Andhra State assembly turned into a trial of strength between Mrs. Gandhi and the new regional

Telugu Desam (Land of the Telugu) Party of N.T. Rama Rao, who has joined forces with Mrs. Gandhi's rebel daughter-in-law Maneka.

Mr. Rama Rao, 60, a popular film star-turned politician who played a Hindu God in many of his 300 films, threatened to check Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in its electoral sweep of the south, its traditional stronghold.

Any erosion of Mrs. Gandhi's present popularity after three years in power could weaken her efforts to head off demands for regional autonomy and her ability to deal with growing factionalism within her party.

In Karnataka the opposition put together a loose coalition along with another regional group which analysts said seemed unlikely to hurt the Congress (I) Party.

In Tripura, where Mrs. Gandhi's Party was not represented in the last assembly, the Marxist Communist Party (CPI-M) is expected to be returned to power for another five years. The CPI-M also controls neighbouring West Bengal state.

Mr. Rao, accusing Mrs. Gandhi of manipulating Andhra's politics from New Delhi, has demanded greater regional autonomy and

China allays fears about atomic plant

PEKING (R) — A nuclear power station which China plans to build near the border with Hong Kong would not threaten the safety of local residents, two Chinese atomic scientists said.

The Canton newspaper Yangteng Evening News available Wednesday quoted them as saying that nuclear power was completely safe and the process that occurred inside a reactor was totally different from the explosion of a nuclear bomb.

The paper quoted physics professor Huang Youmin and engineer Chen Zirong as saying nuclear power was a safe and economical source of energy but that China was well behind other countries in exploiting atomic power.

"Even India is ahead of us, so tom now on we must catch up," they said.

Argentina says it used SAM-7s in Falklands

Buenos Aires (R) — Argentina used Soviet-made SAM-7 anti-aircraft missiles during the Falklands (Malvinas) conflict with Britain last year, the official air force magazine Aeroespacio said in its current issue.

In an article reviewing the use of missiles during the Falklands fighting, Aeroespacio said Argentine forces had used the shoulder-launched SAM-7, along with British and French-made anti-aircraft missiles.

It gave no indication of how many SAM-7s had been used.

Argentina's right-wing military government hinted that it might buy Soviet weaponry after European countries and the U.S. imposed an arms embargo on Argentina following its invasion of the Falklands on April 2.

But diplomatic sources in Buenos Aires said the SAM-7 was easily available on the international arms market and those used by Argentina were not necessarily supplied direct from the Soviet Union.

Aeroespacio, which said that the SAM-7 could only be used in relatively good weather, expressed a better opinion of the British-built Blowpipe shoulder-launched missile, which it said Argentine forces also used.

Argentina also used the larger British-built Tigercat anti-aircraft missile, but special praise was reserved for the French Roland missile.

Aeroespacio also acknowledged the effectiveness of the anti-aircraft missile barrage put up by ships of the British task force during Argentine bombing raids.

But the magazine said Britain's surface-to-air missile defences had limitations.

British right-wingers press for quota system of immigration

LONDON (R) — Right-wing members of Britain's ruling Conservative Party are demanding at the government apply its 1979 election manifesto by registering potential immigrants and creating a quota system for immigration, party sources have said.

The manifesto pledged to compile a register of Commonwealth wives and children entitled to settle in Britain under existing immigration laws and added: "We shall introduce a quota system, covering everyone outside the European Community, to control all entry for settlement."

Some right-wing Conservative members of Parliament caused a government defeat last month by voting against a government move to allow female British citizens to

bring in foreign husbands or fiancées.

According to government estimates, this would affect about 3,000 Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis.

The 23 Conservative Members of Parliament who voted against the government and 28 who abstained said the rules would admit too many Asians. They were joined by Labour, Liberal and Social Democrat members who say the government's immigration policy is racist and sexist.

But the rules, although defeated, went into effect on a temporary basis this week and the government has until the middle of next month to come up with new proposals.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

+ 75
+ K Q J 10 6
+ 6 4 2
+ 5 4 3

WEST EAST

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+ 8 3 + A 9 7 5

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SOUTH

+ A K Q J 10 9

+ 4 2

+ A K 5

+ A K

The bidding:

South West North East

+ Pass 3 + Pass

+ 2 + Pass 3 NT Pass

+ A + Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of C.

Always take those extra chances. You never know when one of them is going to pay off!

The auction was fairly straightforward. Once North made a somewhat dubious response, South led for slam. Three spades was simply a temerizing bid to see what it could evoke from partner.

West led the queen of diamonds, and declarer could count eleven tricks as soon as he came down. There had to be no play for

twelve tricks unless the opponents obliged by taking the ace of hearts when that suit was first led. However, declarer found an ingenious way to give himself a very slender additional shot for the contract.

He won the king of diamonds, drew four rounds of trumps, taking care to discard a heart and a diamond from dummy, then cashed the ace-king of clubs. Next came a heart to dummy's king.

Obviously, if the defenders won this trick it would be all over, so East had to duck. Now declarer got back to his hand with a club ruff, cashed the king of diamonds and led his last heart. East was left with nothing but hearts. No matter what he did, declarer could not lose more than one trick, for the diamond would go away on the high heart.

Observe the precision with which declarer played the hand. The key was the fact that he did not discard a club from dummy when drawing trumps. Had he carelessly parted with a low club, he would have had to concede defeat. When East won the ace of hearts on the second round of the suit, he would have been left with a safe exit card—the third club—and declarer's attempted end play would fail.

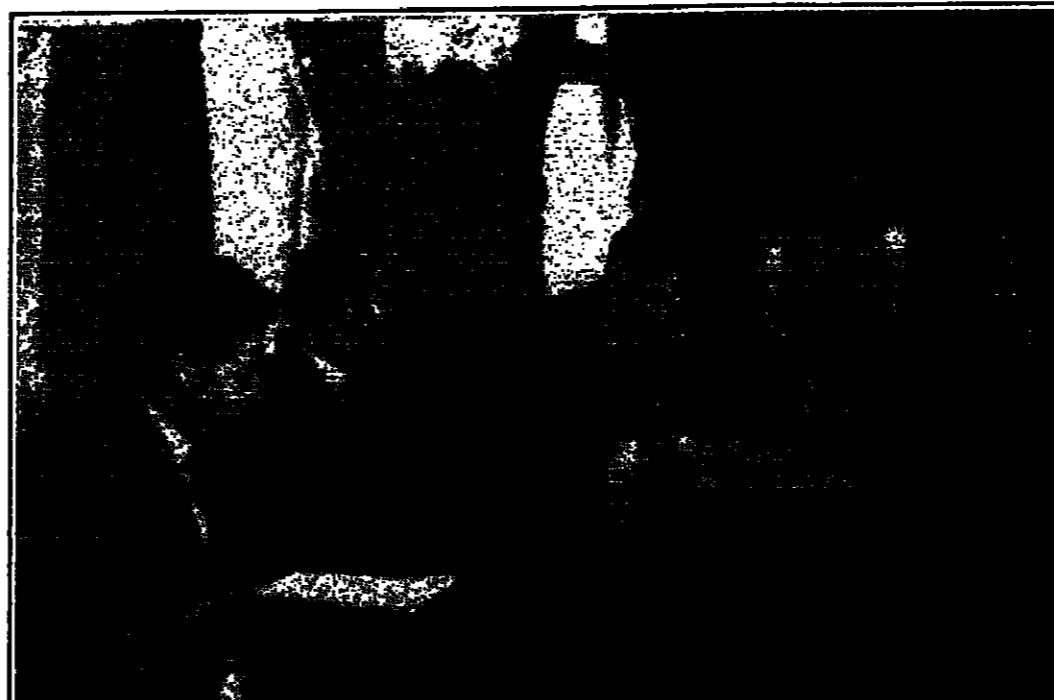
PARIS (R) — The head of France's state-owned television and radio transmitting system has resigned after an organization blunder over a mobile crane which damaged a new year television appearance by President Francois Mitterrand.

The resignation of Maurice Remy, chairman of Telediffusion de France (TDF), was the latest episode in a long history of troubles to afflict the French broadcasting monopoly, reformed by the Socialist government last year.

In separate developments, senior French Communist Party officials went to the state broadcasting authority to complain about alleged anti-Soviet reporting while right-wing opposition leader Jacques Chirac said the government was exerting increasing control on radio and television news.

Mr. Remy announced his departure after full-scale inquiries by the communications and post and telecommunications ministries over what has become known as the crane affair.

The Antenne-2 television network and TDF have been pilloried by the press and opposition politicians for the past four days since the network was forced to cancel at the last moment a major live



REAGAN CREATES NEW COMMISSION: President Reagan signs the document Monday in the Cabinet room of the White House creating the Commission on Strategic Forces. The bipartisan commission will review alternatives for the land-based of missiles. From left are, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger,

Brent Scowcroft, the chairman of the commission, the president, former Defense secretary Harold Brown, former Air Force secretary Thomas Reed and Marvin Atkins, of the Defense Department and executive secretary of the commission. (A.P. wirephoto)

Bonn wants medium-range missile cut

BONN (R) — West Germany said Wednesday there should be a serious attempt at limiting the number of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe if the United States and the Soviet Union failed to agree on the total removal of the weapons.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher denied at a press conference that the proposal was a new West German initiative and said the two superpowers should still make every effort in their Geneva negotiations to reach a "zero solution".

He said the provision for an interim agreement to keep the number of medium-range missiles as low as possible was implied in NATO's 1979 decision to re-examine its nuclear arsenal if the Soviet Union refused to dismantle its medium-range missiles by late this year.

Archbishop Glemp made a cardinal

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul II named Polish primate Jozef Glemp a cardinal Wednesday almost 18 months after he became head of the church in the pontiff's troubled homeland.

The Pope made the announcement at his weekly general audience and said 17 other prelates would be installed as cardinals with Archbishop Glemp on Feb. 2.

Archbishop Glemp, 53, has led the Polish church through difficult months of negotiation and compromise with the Communist authorities since he succeeded the late Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński on July 1, 1981.

He took office during the headiest days of the free trade union Solidarity. After the government imposed martial law he appealed consistently for the release of internees, the resto-

ration of civil rights and the recognition of Solidarity as a legitimate social force.

The primate has retained the full backing of the Pope for his mixture of condemnation of martial law and calls for peace and calm. Polish churchmen in Rome said his elevation had been long awaited and would undoubtedly reinforce his prestige in staunchly Roman Catholic Poland.

The list of cardinals announced by the Pope Wednesday included Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, who succeeded the late Cardinal John Cody in Chicago, and the Maronite patriarch of Lebanon, Monsignor Antoine Khorache.

One name absent was that of American Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the controversial head of the Vatican Bank and governor of Vatican City.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

COWBOYS AND INDIANS

By Rose Santoro

ACROSS

1 Formosa Strait
2 Small amount
3 Vestment for a Hebrew priest
17 Condition
18 Tel Aviv site
20 10 million rupees
21 Honolulu's airport
22 Burt Lancaster
23 Birth
25 Gun
26 Urfa, once
31 St. Peter's capital
33 Stinger
Terrific

34 Choi En-
35 Building for "bullets"
36 1965 film
41 That is —
42 Compact license
43 A customer
44 Abnormal
45 Snowman
46 Sevenfold
47 Ances of baseball
48 Windsor, e.g.
50 Plastic
52 Plastic cheese
53 Soft cheese
54 Pub drink
55 "Davy Crockett, ..."
56 "Davy Crockett, ..."
57 "Davy Crockett, ..."
58 The Greeks
59 Kind of chair

60 "Batch — Kid" (Mammal)
61 "Bullring" (film)
62 Ending for Clement or Hero
64 Womans: Sp.
65 Locket, e.g.
66 Aegean's love
67 Sweater
68 "Auntie" as a verb
69 Angle iron
70 Wins religious
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98 Stings
99 Arachnids
100 Deserts
101 Brewing, etc.
102 Aromatic
103 Apples
104 Apples
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106 Apples
107 1965 Tom Brown film
108 American admiral
109 Gather
110 Portico
111 Portico
112 Spanish queen
113 One who is spoken to
114 Words in a sequel title

50 World area
51 Town
52 Actress
53 Normand of old
54 Everything
55 Flaxen
56 Sticky comments
57 Brown in fat
58 Dried leaves of Muhammad
59 Splits the odyssey
60 Wristwatch
61 Purple robe
62 Overhead systems
63 Home to home
64 Roots
65 Repeat
66 Goddess; Lat.
67 Cardinals
68 Iron
69 Iron
70 Proper
71 Native art
72 Drugged state

57 Softened
58 Kahn of songs
59 Barber and Best
60 Considerable
61 Everything
62 Exempt — (stage direction)
63 Swindler
64 In is
65 "I Kid —" (Jack Pevs book)
66 "I'm a Princess" winner
71 Durables
72 Address Mary —
73 Bumper
74 Illustrating instrument
75 Bach, Beethoven and Brahms
76 Painting
77 Bach, Beethoven and Brahms
78 Bach, Beethoven and Brahms
79 Paleolithic
80 Paleolithic
81 Table prop
82 Cable rug

59 Fly alone
60 Nasty
61 Common abbr.
62 Certain
63 Marauders
64 Evergreen
65 Fender mislab
66 Cleaves
67 Polyester
68 Extravagant load
69 Occurrence
70 Proper
71 Native art
72 Drugged state

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DOWNS

1 Melancholy
2 Regard highly
3 Unwell
4 Meats
5 Tailor's work
6 Confection
7 At that place
8 Organization
9 Fakes
10 Ethiopian prince

11 Green onion
12 Disorder
13 Sham
14 Abyss
15 Two-month
16 Everything
17 Mountain ridge
18 Thick slice
19 Approach with a request
20 Coastal fly
21 Speck

22 Longword
23 Also well
24 Stated with conviction
25 Marquetry, for short

26 Building extensions
27 Discovery
28 Plague
29 Significance
30 Remover, in printing
31 Pianist
32 Purpose
33 Union letters
34 Josep Brox
35 Yacht
36 Prominent
37 Positive
38 Circle section
39 Stars —
40 Spoke

47 One — million
48 Foot buttons
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51 Those selected
52 Lamp
53 Positive terminals
54 Picnic
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56 Banking abbr.

Diagrams

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CRYPTOGRAMS

1 SD SW NKEIHC E CHEWKEI NGUGEKWSGE PYHE
2 WCGWY SD NUGPERC — By Herb Dow
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ENCLIPTE FLEFTLA FEGCG, CELT NS CUT
GCELT. — By Lois H. James
4 SPITS SPINOFF NPTAGF APECK TA UTACHE
UMOCKME. — By Norton H. Hinckley
5 JAI LBQGKE LBJGH IJY GPAHK WJB TBL YXH
HEPGQJT JW WPTE. — By Earl Loveland

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaysian minister denies murder charge

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — A Malaysian cabinet minister on trial for murder testified Wednesday that he was having a body massage at the time he was said to have killed a political rival. Datuk Mohd Hashim, 41, giving evidence on the 48th day of his high court trial, said officials from his culture, youth and sports ministry were giving him a massage at a house where he was staying when Datuk Mohamad Taha Tahib was shot dead shortly before general elections last April. Datuk Mohd Hashim told the court that just before the murder he had driven from his local party's election operations room with his bodyguard to a house rented for his campaign. After taking a bath and eating, he held a meeting in his bedroom with seven officials from his ministry, he said. Two of them gave him a massage because he felt tired, he added.

Spiro Agnew repays Maryland \$268,482

BALTIMORE, Maryland (R) — Former U.S. Vice President Spiro Agnew has repaid the State of Maryland \$268,482 to cover bribes that a court ruled he had taken while serving as governor and vice president. Mr. Agnew, in a written statement to the press, said he felt state courts had wrongfully ordered him to repay the money. A Maryland